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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 39466

1. FOLLOWING IS OUR TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
MARCH 14 - 16 VISIT TO SINGAPORE:

MARCH 14

1815 ARRIVAL SQ 109 FROM KUALA LUMPUR.
2000 DINNER AT RESIDENCE.

MARCH 15

0900 MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD
FOR BRIEFING ON SINGAPORE'S REMARKABLE ECONOMIC
PERFORMANCE AND PLANNING.

1130 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM.

1230 LUNCH WITH EDITORS AND ACADEMICS.

1430 MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF JURONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

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AND BRIEF TOUR OF EXCEPTIONALLY WELL-PLANNED
INDUSTRIAL PARK.

1630 MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW.

2000 DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER OR OTHER SENIOR
GOS OFFICIAL.

MARCH 16

0900 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
BOARD AND BRIEFING ON SINGAPORE'S HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
MULTI-RACIAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM.

0930 VISIT TO QUEENTOWN OR OTHER HDB HOUSING ESTATE.

1100 VISIT TO SECONDARY SCHOOL.

1230 LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY AT
AMERICAN CLUB.

1500 PANEL DISCUSSION (VIDEO-TAPEDM

1630 VISIT TO NATIONAL SERVICE TRAINING FACILITY.

1845 DEPART FOR AIRPORT.

1930 AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE.

2030 DEPARTURE FOR COLOMBO
SQ 39.

2. PLEASE NOTE THIS SCHEDULE NOT YET CHECKED WITH FOREIGN
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MINISTRY, WHICH DOES NOT YET HAVE FIRM TIMES FOR CALLS ON PM
AND FOREIGN MINISTER. UNDERSTAND MFA HAS ASKED SINGAPORE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR YOUNG
WILL BE GUEST OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT DURING HIS VISIT AND HAS
BEEN INVITED TO STAY AT GOS GUEST HOUSE. WE WILL BE COORDINATING
SCHEDULE WITH MFA IN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. YOU WILL NOTE WE ARE SUGGESTING CONSIDERABLE MEDIA EXPOSURE
FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY
USEFUL TO MAKE THE MOST OF HIS VISIT IN VIEW OF PERSISTING
DOUBTS ABOUT INTENSITY OF U.S. INTEREST IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AS CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER AND CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF
PRESIDENT, WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND RE-
FUGEE QUESTIONS. WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT HUMAN
RIGHTS SITUATION IN SINGAPORE WAS RAISED BOTH BY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DERIAN AND CODEL WOLFF DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS
HERE. REFUGEE QUESTION ALSO ADDRESSED DURING THESE VISITS AND
ON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS AT HIGH LEVELS WITHIN GOS. AS WE
SEE IT, PM LEE'S OFFER OF TRANSIT FACILITIES FOR REFUGEES OR
A SINGAPORE ISLAND HAS YET TO FIND RESPONSE FROM UNHCR AND FUR-
THER PUBLIC AIRING OF THIS ISSUE WOULD SIMPLY EMPHASIZE SLOW
REACTION TO GOS OFFER.

4. SINGAPORE TV ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT IDEA OF PANEL DISCUSSION,
BUT NO DECISION ON THIS YET. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER AMBA-
SSADOR YOUNG WISHES TO DO. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AMBASSADOR
WOULD LIKE TO MEET AT LUNCH WITH MEMBERS OF SIZEABLE AMERI-
CAN COMMUNITY HERE.

5. ASSUME GOS INVITATION TO STAY AT GUEST HOUSE INCLUDES
ALL MEMBERS YOUNG PARTY. IF NOT, AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED
TO HAVE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GLEYSTEN AS GUEST AT
RESIDENCE.
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